

SAT LAB 1 – Radial θ_4 Kink Fringe + Falsifiability Bounds

Fringe Simulation Details:

$$-\theta_4(r) = (2\pi/3)(1 + \tanh(\mu(r - 5 \mu m)))/2, \mu = 5 \mu m^{-1}$$

- η = 0.012, λ = 650 nm - Intensity: I(x, y) \propto 1 + cos(Δ φ(x, y)) with Δ φ from Δ n = η ·sin²(θ 4)

Fringe Pattern Characteristics:

- Concentric fringe compression centered around $r = 5 \mu m (\theta_4 \text{ kink})$

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Pattern simulates DSLR-visible fringe contrast under interferometric illumination

Falsifiability Bounds (for SAT optical phase prediction):

$$-\eta < 0.005 \rightarrow \Delta \phi < 0.1 \text{ rad} \rightarrow \text{Below detection threshold} \rightarrow \text{SAT prediction fails}$$

Conclusion:

For $\mu = 5$ and $\eta = 0.012$, SAT predicts a detectable $\Delta \phi \approx 0.246$ rad.

This is well within the detectable interferometric fringe range and matches known birefringent stack behavior.